

Walking as Jesus Walked



1 John 2:4-6

Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Despite the strong words, this is not a new set of rules but a new way of life.

In the context of relationship

Everything is in the context of relationship: what we have seen, heard and touched

Walking as Jesus walked is what this relationship looks like

Not a list of do's and don'ts

Not being a clone but having the same heart as Jesus

Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (verses 22-23)

But the fruit of the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its various expressions. This love is revealed through:

Joy that overflows

Peace that subdues

Patience that endures

Kindness on display

A life full of virtue

Faith that prevails

Gentleness of heart and

Strength of spirit

Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless. Galatians 5:22-23 (The Passion Translation)

Light and dark don't live together

A desire for relationship causes us to walk away from sin

Not condemnation but right relationships with Father and with each other

Leads into the glorious freedom of the children of God

A choice of lovers 1 John 2:15-17

Contrast between loving the world and loving the Father

In the context of relationship an easier choice to make

Anointing to walk as sons and daughters is within us

Anointed to act with Father's authority

We are his children NOW but there is much more to come

Live connected to the source of love

Not a collection of facts but a relationship

Love takes up permanent residence in our hearts (1 John 4:17-18 The Message)

Paul understood what walking as Jesus looked like

Colossians 3:1-3 Set your minds on things above

Let the life of Heaven flood us

“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work” Colossians 1:10

Not a law but a description of relationship

Walking as Jesus walked will bear fruit in our lives

We become more firmly rooted and established in love

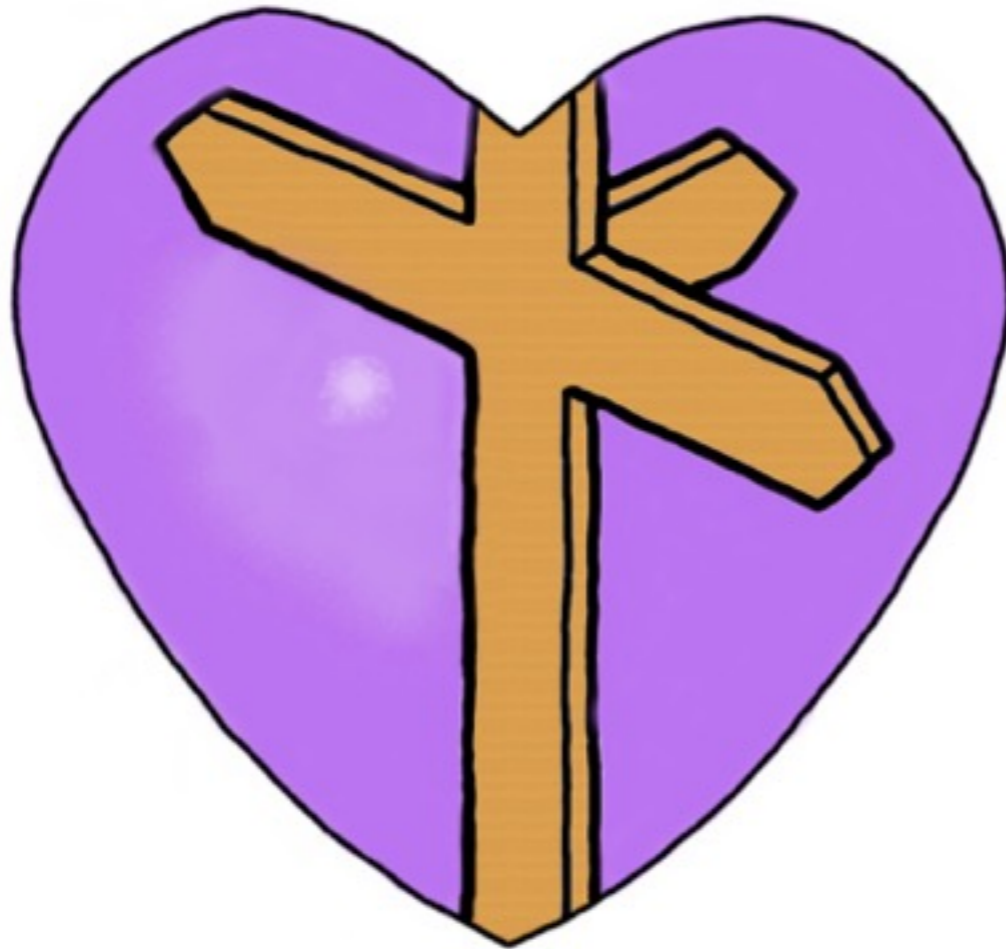
Romans 5:5 Hope never disappoints

Matthew 11 No one knows the Father except the son and those to whom the son chooses to reveal the Father

Not striving or performance but a relationship

Christian maturity is total dependence on the Father, with a childlike heart - the true heart of sonship

“The spirit of sonship is Christ in us, so when we walk as Jesus walked we yield to Jesus in us.”



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